



Application No. 10/715,912

REMARKS

Claims 38-44, which were previously renumbered per rule 1.121 to claims 29-35 are pending.

The –Cross-Reference to Related Applications– section of the above referenced pending application has been amended for consistent punctuation and consistent reference to related applications. The –Cross-Reference to Related Applications– section of the above referenced pending application has also been amended to reflect the correct chain of priority by amending the referenced filing date of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/412,701 to be

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rather than the October 5, 1999 date that mistakenly was referenced in the March 15, 2004 preliminary amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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